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**STRANGER (CONT'D)****DAD**

(panting, wearing scarf)

Lee! Please come here.

**LEE**

(approaching dad, looking at murder scene)

Dad... what... what happened?

Dad lifts stool up and takes a seat. A sad piano tune plays.

**INT. HOUSE - DAY**

Flashback: It is 5:00 am. The dark figure is kissing Lee's mother. Then, they run into Lee's dad's room.

**CUT TO:**

Lee's dad arrives home. He walks in on Lee's mother in bed with dark figure. "Love is a Rebellious Bird" is playing on a vinyl record player. After smashing the vinyl, he gets in a fight with dark figure. Lee's mom tries to break up the fight.

**CUT TO:**

Dad has killed dark figure with knife. The ladder leading to the attic is open. Lee's mom panics. Standing outside the restroom,

4-year-old Lee has witnessed murder. Dad forcefully drags Lee back to his room. Dad begins to drag dark figure's body to the attic.

**CUT TO:****EXT. HOUSE - DAY**

It is 5:55 am. Lee's mom tries to leave house. Dad holds her. She slaps him. He pushes her off slope. Recovering from fall, she gets hit by drunk driver.

**CUT TO:****INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT**

Present: Dad is crying heavily. Lee's mom's makeup is running down Dad's eyes. Lee hugs him. Dad hugs him back. Looking at the clock, Lee still reads 5:55 am.

**EXT. HOUSE - NIGHT**

Sirens blaring. Cops surround the house.

**LEE (V.O.)**

I asked my dad if he needed help finding peace. He didn't say anything. For the first time since mom died, he laughed.

Sad piano tune fades.

**FADE TO BLACK.****EXPOSED****EXPOSED 2****EXPOSED 4**

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